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OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS

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SUMMARY. ASYG (DEFENSE SUPPORT) LABERGE BROUGHT DPC PERM
REPS UP TO DATE ON THE NATO AEW FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETING
AND ASKED FOR HELP IN GAINING FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN THE
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PROGRAM. IN A SEPARATE MEETING AFTER THE DPC, LABERGE TOLD US
HE SEES MERIT IN POSTPONING NEXT WEEK'S FINANCIAL
EXPERTS MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEWS (SEE
PARA 5 BELOW). END SUMMARY.

1. USING HIS COVER MEMO TO DS/ASG(77)10 (REFTEL), ASYG
(DEFENSE SUPPORT) LABERGE BRIEFED THE DPC ON THE COUTCOME
OF MEETING OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS AND THE CRUCIAL PROBLEMS
WHICH REMAIN TO BE SOLVED, AND SUGGESTED THAT A SLIGHT
MODIFICATION OF THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL CAN SERVE AS A

BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. REGARDING THE FRENCH POSITION ON NATO AEW, LABERGE SAID THE GROUP OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS RECOGNIZED THAT FRANCE WILL NOT BE A PARTICIPANT, AT LEAST IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE PROGRAM. HE CALLED ON NATIONS TO EXPLORE BILATERAL MEANS OF MOVING THE FRENCH TO A MORE POSITIVE POSITION. FINALLY, LABERGE OBSERVED THAT FINANCIAL EXPERTS RETURNED TO CAPITALS EXPRESSING A WILLINGNESS TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE THE PROGRAM SUCCEED.

2. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) BROUGHT UP THE POINT OF HOW TO INVOLVE THE FRENCH ON THESE DISCUSSIONS AND PARTICULARLY IN THE DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING ON NATO AEW. LABERGE SAID THE FRENCH WERE INVITED TO THE FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETING, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR POSITION RELATIVE TO THE NATO INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE, THEY DECLINED TO ATTEND. US CHARGE SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSIONS SUCH AS THIS DPC DISCUSSION MIGHT BE CONDUCTED IN THE COUNCIL OR, ALTERNATIVELY, THE SYG COULD BRIEF THE FRENCH AND GREEKS AFTER EACH MEETING. THE QUESTION OF FRENCH INVOLVEMENT REMAINED UNANSWERED.

3. HOLMER (UK) REITERATED THE UK DESIRE TO HAVE THE DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN THE INTEREST OF MAKING THE BEST USE OF RESOURCES, THE UK CANNOT CONTINUE FOR MUCH LONGER SUPPORTING TWO PROGRAMS, CONFIDENTIAL

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NIMROD AND NATO AEW.

4. IN A SEPARATE MEETING WITH MISSION OFFICERS AFTER THE DPC, LABERGE TOLD US HE BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT US, UK, FRG AND CANADA WORK OUT THEIR PROBLEMS BEFORE THE JANUARY 26-27 MEETING OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS, RATHER THAN AIRING A FOUR-WAY DISAGREEMENT BEFORE THE HALF-SHARE NATIONS. HE SUGGESTED A POSSIBLE MEETING OF THE FOUR PRINCIPALS IN BRUSSELS ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 25. ALTERNATIVELY, LABERGE OBSERVED THAT IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO DELAY THE MEETING FOR A WEEK TO TRY TO ATTAIN AGREEMENT AMONG THE MAJOR SHARE NATIONS. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT IT MAY BE PREFERABLE TO GO AHEAD WITH NEXT WEEK'S MEETING, BUT BE READY TO AGREE TO A THIRD MEETING PERHAPS TWO TO THREE WEEKS LATER, IF NECESSARY. THIS WOULD STILL ALLOW A DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH. END COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEWS. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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